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Labor & Public Employees Committee Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Committee

My name is Kris Lorch of Alloy Engineering Co., Inc., a small manufacturer in Bridgeport since 1958.

I am writing to ask that you oppose Senate Bill 63 - An Act Mandating Employers Providing Paid Sick Leave to Employees. This bill will require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave for all employees. This proposal will substantially increase the cost of business and could force us to reconsider other employee benefits that we offer in order to offset these costs.

We need to find alternate ways to make Connecticut a place for businesses to thrive and grow and enable new businesses to come to Connecticut.

Preventing the passage of this bill is crucial to the future well-being of our economy and to all residents of Connecticut. Connecticut is already one of the most expensive states in the United States to conduct business and we cannot afford to lose any more jobs to other, more affordable states. The passage of this bill would not make Connecticut a very attractive place to do business.

Thank you for your consideration, Alloy Engineering Co., Inc.

Kris Lorch President